

Nevada and Placer County RAC

Meeting Notes

December 6, 2010

Attendees:

RAC Members –

Group A - Dennis Cassella, Chris Parker, Marie Davis, Ken Wilde, David Gallino

Group B - David Lass, John Timmer, Jim Haagen-Smit, Bob Suter, Richard Anderson

Group C - Hank Weston, Jennifer Montgomery, Tyler Harkness, Emily Williams (Sue Lunsford sent email proxy)

Replacement member - Richard Vasey

Forest Service Employees - Joanne Roubique, Tom Quinn, Eli Ilano (New TNF Deputy Forest Supervisor), Joe Chavez, Carlos Gonzales, Ann Westling

Members of the Public - Cathy Haagen-Smit, Gary Reedy, Rich Adams

Location: Tahoe National Forest Headquarters, 631 Coyote St, Nevada City, CA 95959

Introductory Comments: Joanne Roubique, Designated Federal Official opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the agenda. Self introductions were made.

RAC Process Discussions: Jennifer Montgomery, RAC Chair initiated a discussion regarding RAC processes including the use of proxy votes, straw poll from the past meeting, and allocation of 2010 funding. The RAC decided by a majority vote to:

- Strongly encourage members to attend in person. Participating by conference call could also accommodate those members that can not attend in person. A written proxy vote identifying projects that a member supports can be submitted to anyone in the group before or during the meeting. (A subsequent email vote after the meeting also verified that one member who was not able to attend the meeting due to an emergency could provide a proxy vote after the meeting occurred.)
- Permit the allocation of 2010 funds if the 2008/2009 funding does not fully cover all of the recommended projects.
- Vote on all projects submitted even those that did not rate highly on the straw poll at the last meeting.

Project Presentations: The following projects were presented and discussed by the RAC - Generation Green and 64 Acres by the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit; Aspen Regeneration by South Yuba River Citizen's League, Nevada and Placer County Scotch Broom Challenge and the Nevada County Community Shaded Fuel Reduction by the Nevada County Fire Safe Council, Burton Creek Fuels Reduction Project by CA State Parks, and the Woodchuck Campground Bear Proof Food Lockers.

RAC Vote: The following projects were approved for recommendation –

Nevada County – Total Recommended - \$56,650 (\$50,275 watershed/roads requirement)

Linking Remnant Old Growth Habitat at Headwaters of Spring Creek – \$10,000 (Yuba Watershed Inst – watershed restoration)

A – 4 votes, B-4 votes, C-4votes
Aspen Regeneration - \$7,275 (South Yuba River Citizens League – watershed restoration)
A-4, B-5, C-3
Truckee River Musk Thistle Removal - \$14,000 (Tahoe National Forest – Tk Ranger District – watershed restoration)
A-3, B-4, C-3
Little Truckee River Health and Fish Habitat Improvement - \$19,000 (Trout Unlimited – watershed restoration)
A-5, B-5, C-4
Nevada and Placer Scotch Broom Challenge - \$3,000 (Nevada County Fire Safe Council)
A - 4, B-4, C-4
Truckee and Tahoe Area Trailhead Improvement - \$3,375 (Tahoe National Forest – Truckee RD)
A-3, B-5, C-4

Placer County Projects Total Recommended \$333,975 (\$183,700 - watershed/roads requirement)

Big Grizzly Canyon Stream Restoration - \$30,000 (Eldorado National Forest – Georgetown Ranger District – watershed restoration)
A-5, B-4, C-4
OHV Trail Stream Crossings - \$55,000 (Tahoe National Forest – American River Ranger District – watershed restoration)
A-3, B-4, C-3
Aspen, Meadow, and Fen Restoration - \$46,500 (Tahoe National Forest – Am River Ranger District – watershed restoration)
A-4, B-5, C-4
Generation Green - \$25,000 (Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit – some watershed restoration)
A-5, B-4, C-3
Star Fire Precommercial Thin - \$30,000 (Eldorado National Forest – Georgetown Ranger District)
A-5, B-4, C-3
Foresthill WUI Fuels Reduction Incentives - \$26,400 (Placer County Resource Conservation District)
A-4, B-4, C-3
64 Acres Recreation Restoration - \$45,200 (Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit – some watershed restoration)
A-3, B-4, C-4
Big Grizzly Forest Health Stewardship - \$50,000 (Eldorado National Forest – Georgetown Ranger District – some watershed restoration)
A-4, B-3, C-4
Truckee and Tahoe Area Trailhead Improvement - \$3,375 (Tahoe National Forest – Truckee RD)
A-3, B-5, C-3
Silver Creek Bear Proof Food Boxes - \$20,500 (Tahoe National Forest – Truckee RD)
A-3, B-4, C-3
Nevada and Placer County Scotch Broom Challenge - \$2,000 (Nevada County Fire Safe Council)
A-4, B-4, C-4

Total Recommendation for Round II - \$390,625 (\$239,975 – watershed/road requirement)

Public Comment: No public comments were made

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in the spring/early summer in Truckee and the date of the meeting will be established using the Doodle.com calendar. Thanks to all who submitted projects and to the RAC for their time.

Budget Summary for Round I and Round II

Total Recommendation for Round I (August Meeting)

Projects Recommended for Nevada County -	\$ 39,000
Projects Recommended for Placer County -	\$ 42,575 (4,575 watershed)
Projects Recommended for both counties -	\$ 5,000 – RAC Member Travel
Total for Round I	\$86,575 (\$4,575 watershed)

Total Recommendation for Round II (December Meeting)

Projects Recommended for Nevada County -	\$ 56,650 (watershed \$50,275)
Projects Recommended for Placer County -	\$333,975 (watershed \$183,700)
Total for Round II	\$390,625 (watershed \$233,975)

08/09 Budget Review – Total Amount of Funding Available and Recommended

- Nevada County - Total Funding –\$108,957 - Recommended to date - \$95,650 (\$50,275 watershed) - \$13,307 remaining to be allocated
- Placer County – Total Funding - \$378,323 – Recommended to date - \$376,550 – (\$188,275 watershed) \$1,773 remaining to be allocated
- Total combined NC/PC Funding - \$487,280 - Total recommended to date - \$477,200 (watershed allocation\$238,550)

2010 Available Funding

- Nevada County - \$46,514 (allocated – 0)
- Placer County - \$161,506 (allocated – 0)